RUSSIAN RADAR BUILDING DEMOLISHED IN LATVIA. A team of U.S. experts from Controlled Demolition Inc. blew up a 19-story unfinished radar tower at Skrunda on 4 May. The U.S. government paid for the bulk of the $7 million costs of demolishing the structure, called "The Monster" by locals. President Guntis Ulmanis, speaking at the ceremonies, noted that "though this building was built in peace time, for Latvia it was a symbol of occupation, militarism, and confrontation." Russia is allowed to maintain an older early warning radar station at Skrunda until 1998. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.

MOSCOW, May 1 (Reuter) - A group of Russian scientists had appealed to the Latvian authorities to save the former Russian military radar, saying it could detect space debris on collision course with Earth. The scientists said the new and existing facilities should be used to watch the cosmos and keep an eye on potentially dangerous space objects such as comets and asteroids which might hit the Earth.

The Miss Lithuania pageant was held on May 4th in Vilnius. The winner - Gabrieli Bartkute was crowned by current Miss World Aishwarya Rai from India. Miss Bartkute will represent Lithuania in the next Miss World pageant. 178 cm TALL 87 cm 63 cm 85 cm
TO BE HELD IN THE BAHAMAS 5'10" 33" 24" 33"

Knights of Lithuania folk dancing instructor Frank Zapolis was recently honored as Man of the Year by the Chicago American Lithuanian organization. Congratulations Mr. Zapolis.

Robert Boris, the chairman of the Aid to Lithuania program sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania will attend the upcoming Lithuanian Bendromene to be held ~~on~~ THIS MONTH in CHICAGO. Mr. Boris will lead a discussion on medical help for Lithuania.

LATVIA DEPORTS ASIAN REFUGEES AGAIN. Latvia on 28 April expelled again the five refugees whom it sent to Russia on 26 April but who were returned the next day. One of the refugees, an Indian whose documents showed that he had arrived from Belarus and not Russia, was sent to Belarus. An Afghan woman with three children who had not completed all departure formalities was sent to an unnamed CIS country. Interior Ministry Police Department Head Aldis Lieljuksis told a press conference that four Kurdish refugees who were being held at the Olaine detention camp would also be deported to Belarus at their own request. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.